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TOPEKA, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING A FIREARM FOLLOWING A CONVICTION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Daniel A. Rendon, 36, Topeka, Kansas, was sentenced on October 7, 2003, by U.S. District Judge Sam A. Crow to forty-five months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Rendon entered a guilty plea on May 27, 2003, to one count of possessing a firearm after having previously been convicted of domestic violence.

Melgren stated that on January 10, 2002, Rendon was found intoxicated in a vehicle at a local convenience store by a Shawnee County Sheriff's deputy. During a search of the vehicle, the deputy found a semi-automatic pistol on the floor. Rendon admitted that he had taken the weapon from his roommate for target practice and that he had previously been convicted of domestic violence in Shawnee County, Kansas, in 2001.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation.